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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, are provided herewith.

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,441,943 B1
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,785,418 A
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,045,240 A
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,367,949 B1
5. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0008976 A1
6. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0174053 A1

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7. German Patent Application No. 100 47 207 A1
8. German Patent Application No. 100 27 018 A1
9. German Patent Application No. 43 35 244 A1
10. German Patent Application No. 100 55 462 A1
11. U.S. Patent No. 6,467,940 B2
12. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0022051 A1

Documents 1-6 are in the English language. The relevancy of the Non-English documents is explained below.

Document 7

German Patent No. DE 100 47 207 A1 entitled "Headlamp for vehicles" published on April 11, 2002.

A halogen light source is arranged at the focal point of the reflector and emits both visible light and infrared radiation. In this case, the halogen light source is mounted in the reflector from the rear in a central recess. It emits the light either directly or indirectly via reflection on the reflector in the direction of the transparent lens.

Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to Document 7, other than an English language abstract of patent family: EP1191279 A2:

A halogen bulb (3) provides both visual and infrared light. A shutter (4) has a filter which permits only the passage of the latter. In the dipped position the shutter is raised to restrict the area illuminated by the light beam. In this position the infrared beam (10) still covers the main beam area and, by

providing an IR detector a visual or audible alarm can warn the driver of obstacles lying in the vehicle path.

Document 8

German Patent No. DE 100 27 018 A1 entitled "Headlight for vehicle operating in accordance with projection principle and illumination device with at least one such headlight" published on December 6, 2001.

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Document 11 is submitted herewith as an English language document in the patent family of Document 8.

Document 9

German Patent No. DE 43 35 244 A1 entitled "Device for improving driver visibility in automobiles" published on June 22, 1995.

Document 9 discloses vehicle headlights which use semiconductor light sources. These are not based on the projection principle, and do not have a reflector at whose focal point the semiconductor light source is arranged.

Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to Document 9, other than an English language abstract:

A device for improving the visibility for cars has an illumination device comprising a linearly polarised source of light using a semiconducting laser and a lens to produce a light beam. The lens is a collector lens with a large surface area and has a focal length approximately equal to the distance of the source from it. There are also a number of tightly joined micro-lenses of equal focal lengths, but small compared with that of the collector lens, arranged to form a flat element. For the polarisation of the light, separate cylinder lens structures are used on opposite sides of a common lens. The collector lens has a Fresnel structure. The micro-lenses are scattering lenses.

Document 10

German Patent No. 100 55 462 A1 entitled "IR laser illumination system, for incorporation in vehicle headlight unit, has prism and reflector to change beam direction and produce compact unit" published on May 23, 2002.

Document 10 discloses vehicle headlights which use semiconductor light sources. These are not based on the projection principle, and do not have a reflector at whose focal point the semiconductor light source is arranged.

Document 12 is submitted herewith as an English language document in the patent family of Document 10.

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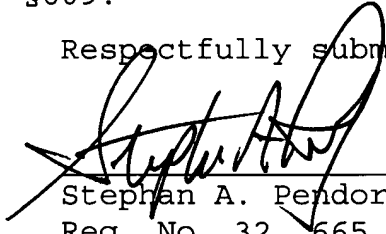
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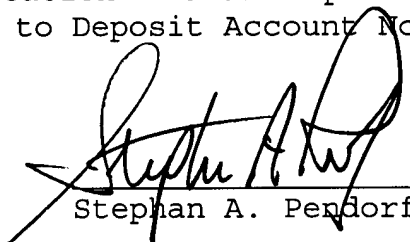
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